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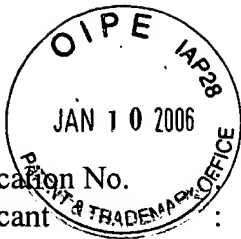
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby disclose information that may be relevant to the Examiner's consideration of the above-identified application and the patentability of its claims.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Form PTO/SB/08A, with a copy of the references cited therein, are submitted for consideration by the Examiner. The references were first cited in an office action issued on November 15, 2005 in the corresponding Japanese patent application to the present application.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove the listed documents as competent references against the claims of the present application.


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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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